

**ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
June 28, 2017**

Chairman Tom Fraase called the meeting of the Road & Bridge Committee to order at 6:30 A.M. on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at the County Highway Department. The following committee members were present: Clyde Bunch, Craig Hall, Jeff Thomas, Brad Miller, and Lori Williams. Committee member David Mendenhall was excused. Also present were Todd Smith, County Board District 2 and County Engineer and minute recorder Brian Davis.

A motion made by Bunch, seconded by Hall to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2017 meeting of the Road & Bridge Committee. Motion passed.

Motion made by Thomas, seconded by Miller to approve the payment vouchers and to have them signed by the members of the Road and Bridge Committee. Motion passed.

Resolutions:

- a. A resolution approving the low bid for a culvert replacement project on Hunley Road in Auburn Township was presented by Davis. Davis explained that there were five (5) bidders and that L.W. Rouland Trucking Service, Inc. of Jacksonville, Illinois was the low bidder. Chairman Fraase asked about any local bidders. Davis explained that County Contractors of Quincy, Illinois was next low but that Halverson Construction and Freesen were next lowest. Davis explained that there was probably a lot of interest in this project due to the looming state budget shutdown. A motion was made by Williams, seconded by Thomas to recommend approval to the County Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Approvals:

- a. Approval to hire a Highway Maintainer was presented by Davis. Davis mentioned that the position has been vacant since April 14, 2017 due to the resignation of Gary Alexander. Davis added that this would be an entry level position with the Sangamon County Highway Department. A motion to approve was made by Miller, seconded by Bunch. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Approval of a bid estimate for the replacement of a furnace and associated duct work was presented by Davis. Davis explained that the heat exchanger had gone out on one of the five (5) furnaces in the main office and that the cost of the heat exchanger was significant enough that it was time to replace the entire furnace. Davis went on to explain that estimates were acquired to replace all five furnaces in the building and that it was investigated to replace the entire HVAC system. As a result, it was decided the most cost effective approach was to replace the furnaces one by one and that the cost was approximately \$8,500 for the furnace, duct work and new thermostats building wide. At that point, board member Smith asked Chairman Fraase if it had been considered to utilize the new Building and Grounds staff member to install the new furnace. Davis explained that he had not approached Building and Grounds but that could be done since there was ample time before the heating season would start. A motion to approve was made to table the approval by Thomas, seconded by Williams. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

- a. None

Discussion Items:

- a. Davis explained to the committee that the state budget crisis would impact the Sangamon County Highway Department and the townships within Sangamon County. Without a state budget, the last Motor Fuel Tax distribution would arrive in early July 2017 for the proceeds collected by the State of Illinois in June 2017. As a result, Sangamon County would not receive an average of \$225,000 per month that the budget stalemate continues. Additionally, Davis explained that the townships would not receive their share, which amounts to a total of approximately \$116,000 per month. Additionally, Davis explained that the current Sangamon Valley Trail project would be shut down; the guardrail end section upgrade project would be delayed in starting; and, the Wesley Chapel Road bridge project would continue to be delayed. Davis explained that IDOT sent a memo outlining the ordered shut down of all federally funded projects and that the local agency would be responsible for all costs for the contractors monitoring these projects during the shutdown. Davis explained that we do not know our associated costs at this time but industry estimates provided by the Transportation for Illinois Coalition stated statewide shutdown costs were estimated to be \$25 million and approximately \$1.5 million per day of the shutdown.
- b. Next meeting date is scheduled for July 26, 2017.
- c. A motion was made to adjourn by Miller, seconded by Bunch. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:08 AM.